THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRUBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) BIS is operating a Certification Mark Scheme under the BIS Act, Rules and Regulations. The Scheme is aimed at providing licence to manufacturers to use ISI mark on the products which conform to the set standards.

Information regarding misuse of ISI mark by the manufacturers is gathered on the basis of complaints mainly, newspapers, advertisements and also *suo moto* inspections. Out of the total number of complaints received in 1993 and 1994, after preliminary investigations, most of them were found to be baseless and therefore, were closed. Many cases of misleading claims through advertisements were closed after the defaulting parties accepted their mistakes and gave assurance that they would not be repeated. However, whenever a prima-facie case is established, it is processed for prosecution.

In order to strengthen the enforcement activities against violation of BIS Certification Mark Scheme, an Enforcement Department has been set up in BIS in 1993 and the BIS Rules have also been amended in 1994 to facilitate the enforcement activities. The enforcement activities are reviewed from time to time and appropriate action is taken as considered necessary.

Education for Children of Beedi Workers

824. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are extending assistance for education of children of Beedi Workers;

(b) if so, the details of this scheme;

(c) whether Government will also ensure adequate employment for such children; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) On completion of studies, such children seek employment in the same way as other children.

Statement

Details of scheme extending assistance for education of Children of Beedi Workers

(i) Scheme for Award of Scholarship under Beedi / Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Chrome Ore Mines / Limestone and Dolomite Mines / Cine Workers Welfare Fund:

(a) Rates of scholarship are awarded at the following rates per student per year

Group I	Class V & VI	Rs. 250/- p.a.
Group II	Class VII, VIII, IX and X	Rs. 450/- p.a.
Group III	Class XI, XII, I.A. I.Sc. (All pregraduation courses where admission is open for students who qualified in Xth Std.)	Rs. 700/- p.a.
Group IV	Graduation and Post Graduation, Degree courses in Arts, Science and Commerce and Lower Technical Courses, Professional Courses like B.Ed., B.T., M.Ed., L.T., LLB.	Rs. 1,000/- p.a.
Group V	M.B.B.S.,B.E., B.Sc. (Agri.) and other degree level technical courses, research and Doctrate studies.	Rs. 3,000/- p.a.

(ii) *Eligibility:*

(a) Either of the parents of the students should be Beedi Worker or a mine worker in Iron Ore/Manganese Ore/Chrome Ore Mines, Limestone and Dolomite or Mica Mines or a Cine Worker for six months at least. This would also include contract labourers.

(b) Total income of both the parents of the students from all sources should not exceed Rs. 3500/- p.m. including all allowances.

(c) The applicant must have passed the last qualifying examination securing at least 45% of marks in aggregate. However, in case of children belonging to S.C or S.T. the minimum marks to be obtained will be 35%.

(iii) *Reservation:*

For the students belonging to SC and ST there shall be a preservation on the basis of percentage of SC/ST population in the district concerned, subject to the condition that it would not be less than 15% for SC and 7.5% for ST. Coverage for female students should be enlarged and efforts should be made to ensure 50% coverage overall, for female students and to cover all children belonging to SC/ST who have passed the last qualifying examination.

2. Scheme to purchase a dress, Slates/Text Books for children of Beedi Workers, Mine Workers of Limestone and Dolomite Mines, Iron Ore/Manganese Ore and Chrome Ore Mines and Mica Mines.

A sum of Rs. 125/- is paid to each school going child of Mine/Beedi Workers studying in class Ist to IVth. A reservation for SC/ST students on the basis of percentage of SC/ST population in the district concerned subject to the condition that it would not be less than 15% for SC and 7.5 % for ST. A 50% reservation overall has been accepted for female students.

3. Scheme to pay incentive to the wards of Beedi/Mine/Cine Workers on the basis of percentage of marks obtained by them on passing final examination conducted by the Board/University from class X onwards for implementation with effect from 01.04.95.

Rates of incentives sanction from class X onwards.

	Ist Division (60% above)	IInd Div. (50% above)	Pass (below 50%)
(a) High School	500/-	350/-	250/-
(b) Plus 2/Industrial Trade Certificate (ITI)	750/-	500/-	350/-
(c) Graduation/3-Years Prof. Diploma	1000/-	750/-	500/-
(d) Prof. Degree (BE/MBBS/B.Arch.etc.)	2000/-	1500/-	1000/-